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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7369

BILL NUMBER: HB 1619

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 20, 2009

BILL AMENDED: Feb 17, 2009

SUBJECT: Emergency Override Ordinance.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Pierce

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: 2nd Reading - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) The bill requires the Planning and Assessment Division (Division) of the Department of Homeland Security to recommend to the General Assembly a system that allows certain political subdivisions to provide:

- (1) audio and visual emergency information; and
- (2) instructions to certain franchise holder's subscribers within the political subdivision's jurisdiction during a local emergency or a local disaster through an emergency override.

It requires the Division to consult with certain associations and groups while developing its recommendations. The bill requires the Division to make its recommendations not later than November 1, 2009.

Effective Date: Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) The bill will increase administrative costs for the Planning and Assessment Division to meet with county emergency management agencies, public safety access points, franchise holders, broadcasters located in Indiana, counties, cities, and towns and develop a recommendation. The resources for the recommendation development and report are expected to be within the existing level of resources of the Department.

Background: On February 16, 2009, the Department of Homeland Security had 17 vacant positions with a combined salary of \$484,000.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Planning and Assessment Division of the Department of Homeland Security.

Local Agencies Affected: Local units.

Information Sources:

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